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SUBJ: SOVIET/EGYPTIAN TRADE PROTOCOL SIGNED

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1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED MARCH 29 SIGNING OF LE 400
MILLION TRADE PROTOCOL WITH USSR (UP LE 15 MILLION
FROM 1976). PROTOCOL WAS SIGNED BY MINTRADE PLANNING
AFFAIRS UNDERSECRETARY, AHMAD Wafa AL DIN AND SOVIET
DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE GRESHIN.

2. ACCORDING TO REPORTS, COMMODITIES TO BE EXPOHRTED
TO THE SOVIET UNION UNDER THE PROTOCOL INCLUDE: 30,000
TONS OF COTTON, 16,000 TONS OF TEXTILES, 75,000 TONS
OF CITRUS FRUITS, 30,000 TONS OF RICE, 24,000 TONS OF
ONIONS AND 9,000 TONS OF GARLIC. FOR THE FIRST TIME,
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EGYPT WILL ALSO EXPORT 2,000 TONS OF ALUMINUM PRODUCED
AT THE SOVIET-BUILT NAG HAMADY ALUMINUM COMPLEX, IN
ADDITION TO UNSPECIFIED AMOUNTS OF READY-MADE CLOTHING,
PERFUMES, COSMETICS, SHOES, LEATHER PRODUCTS, ALCOHOLIC
DRINKS, AND CARPETS.

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS, THE SOVIET UNION WILL EXPORT

TO EGYPT: LE 38 MILLION WORTH OF MACHINERY AND SPARE PARTS, 600,000 TONS COAL, 10,000 TONS MINERALS, 400,000 CUBIC METERS TIMBER (UP 320,000 CUBIC METERS FROM 1976), 16,000 CU. METERS PLYWOOD, 17,000 TONS PAPER PULP, 12,000 TONS NEWSPRINT (UP 2,000 TONS FROM LAST YEAR), 12,000 TONS BAGGING PAPER, 30,000 TONS FROZEN FISH, 100 TONS POWDERED MILK, 12,000 TONS FATS, MICROSCOPES VALUED AT LE 50,000 AND MEDICINES AND PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLIES WORTH LE 100,000.

4. COMMENT. PROTOCOL TALKS HAVE RECEIVED LITTLE PUBLICITY AND PRESS REPORTS OF SIGNING OF PROTOCOL AGREEMENT LIMITED ONLY TO ESSENTIAL INFORMATION. PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT BASES ON TREATMENT OF THAT CATEGORY OF NONTRADITIONAL EXPORTS (CLOTHING, LEATHER PRODUCTS, CARPET) WHICH GOE HOPED TO INCREASE, INDICATES SOVIETS GAVE VERY LITTLE IN WAY OF NEW CONCESSIONS. NOTICEABLY ABSENT IN PRESS REPORTING WERE ANY MENTION OF PETROLEUM OR FURNITURE, TWO ITEMS OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO GOE PLANS FOR PROTOCOL TALKS.
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